



NATIVE VILLAGE OF BARROW IÑUPIAT TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT

February 25, 2021

Director
Office of Child Care
330 C ST SW, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20201

Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how Native Village of Barrow plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

- 1. Direct Services/Subsidies funds will be used to assist with providers and families with children who qualify for the program;** access to child care services for eligible families will be expanded to include the startup of a local Tribally Operated Child Care Center. Child care subsidy rates will be revisited to ensure the most recent child care market rate survey results are considered to reflect the cost of care for providers. A supplemental subsidy to current approved providers of \$1000 will be implemented to ensure stability of child care services in the service area. This will stabilize the anxiety and stress level of providers with regard to the Coronavirus propaganda and reduction in the workforce. This will assist in reducing the number of providers discontinuing their services through the voucher system.
- 2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices** to slow the spread by purchasing PPE equipment, masks, clothing, Clorox, antibacterial soap, antibacterial wipes, air purifiers with filters for the day care, the providers, and children who qualify in the homes to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- 3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers** -Quality mini grants will be issued to licensed and tribally approved providers to assist with additional health and safety upgrades, professional development training, implementing culturally responsive curriculum materials, and other age-appropriate training and materials that increase the quality of care.
- 4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic;** the funds will be used to provide assistance to providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic by paying each active fulltime provider with three (3) months of \$1,000 per month subsidy.
- 5. Other Expenses** will be used to contract with a consultant to assist with amending the CCDBG Plan and licensing as a tribally licensed day care facility.

NVB is in the process of developing policy, and implementing a licensed day care system for tribal members of a federally recognized tribe. There will be a preference list to assist the most need at the highest level. In addition, Native Village of Barrow will consider additional strategies and initiatives to further determined how CCDF CRRSA funds will be spent. Our timeline for deciding how funds will be spent no later than 9/31/2021 in addition to determining the plan no later than 9/30/21

The Native Village of Barrow will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Native Village of Barrow

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Overview: All CCDF lead agencies (states, territories, and tribes- including 102-477 tribes) will submit a letter of approximately TWO pages describing how they plan to use the funds provided by CRRSA. The law requires reports to be submitted by February 25, 2021 (which is 60 days after enactment). Email letters to your RPM and address it to the Director. We expect to acknowledge receipt of reports, but do not have a formal approval process.

Components: Letters must cover the following categories that align with the requirements and recommendations included in CRRSA:

- Direct Services (Subsidies);
- Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices;
- Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers;
- Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic; and,
- Other.

Lead agencies who have not yet determined how they will spend their CCDF CRRSA funds should indicate that and include a timeline and plan for deciding how they will be spent.

Revisions: These reports outline initial plans at the date of submission, but are not binding. Lead agencies may change how they plan to use their CCDF CRRSA funds after submitting their letters and do not have to submit a revised report. Those data will be collected through other means. Please keep in mind outcomes of CRRSA funded activities will be reported on, so ensure for data collection mechanisms prior to implementation of activities.